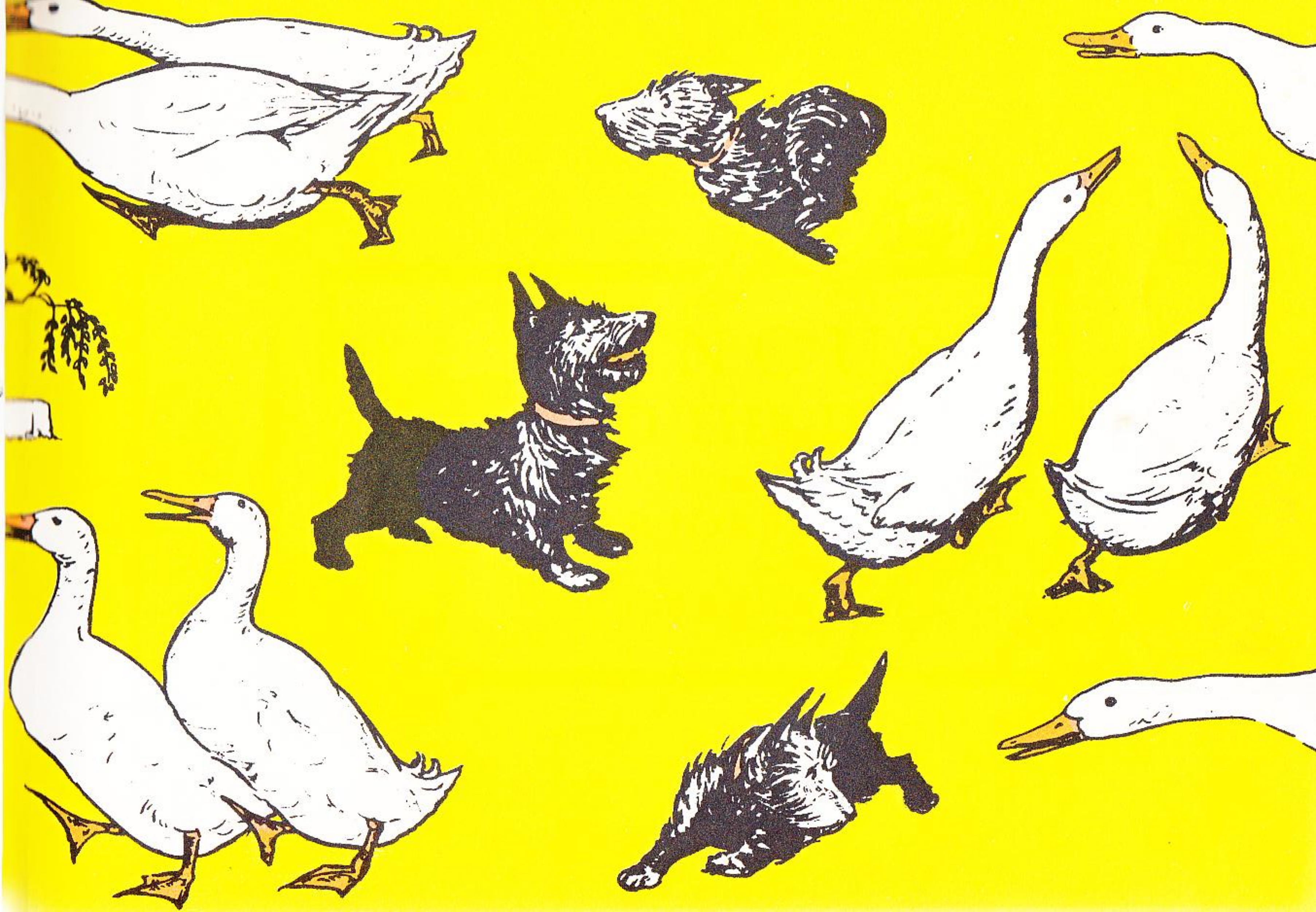


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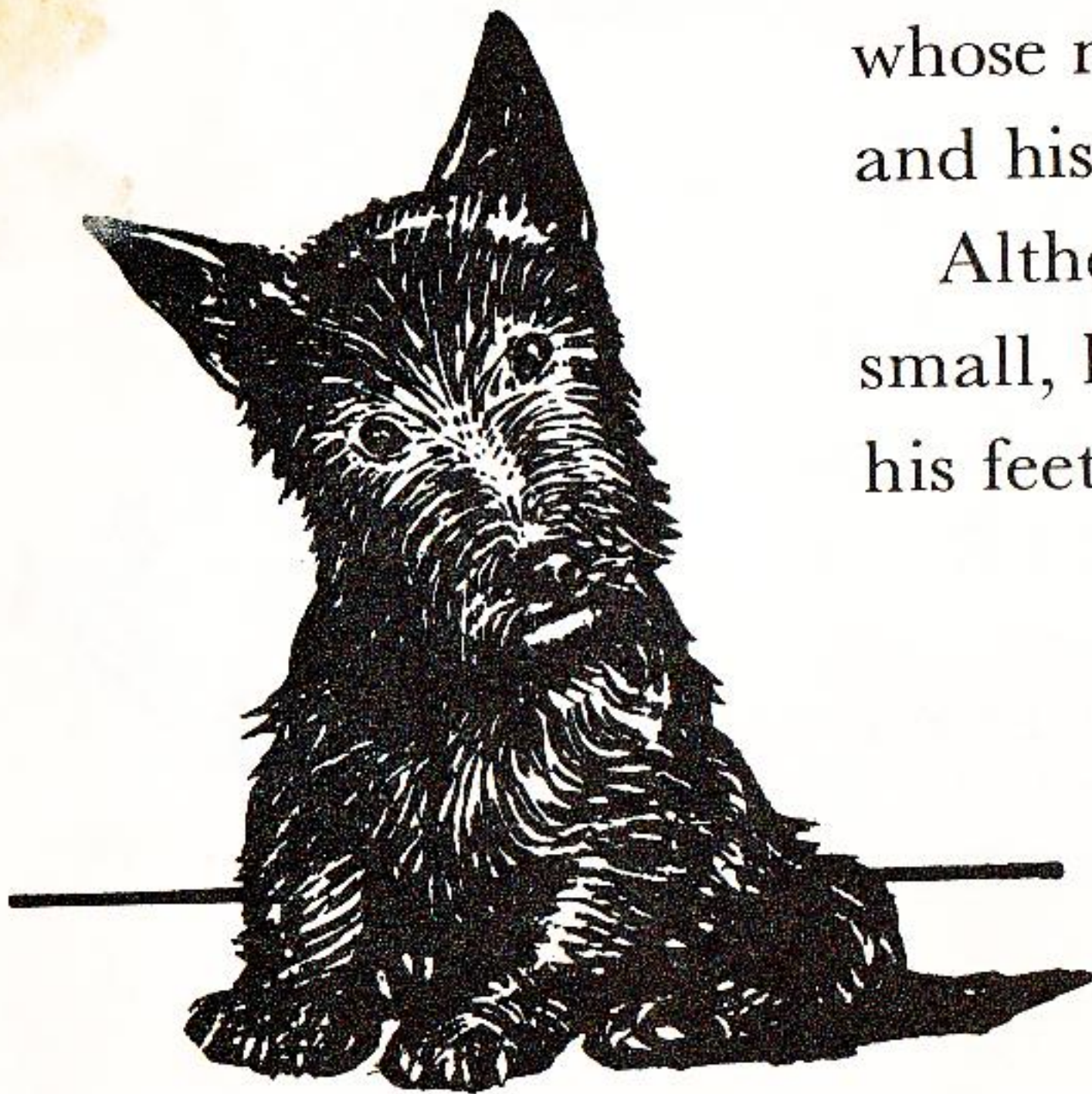
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Once there was a very young little dog whose name was Angus, because his mother and his father came from Scotland.

Although the rest of Angus was quite small, his head was very large and so were his feet.

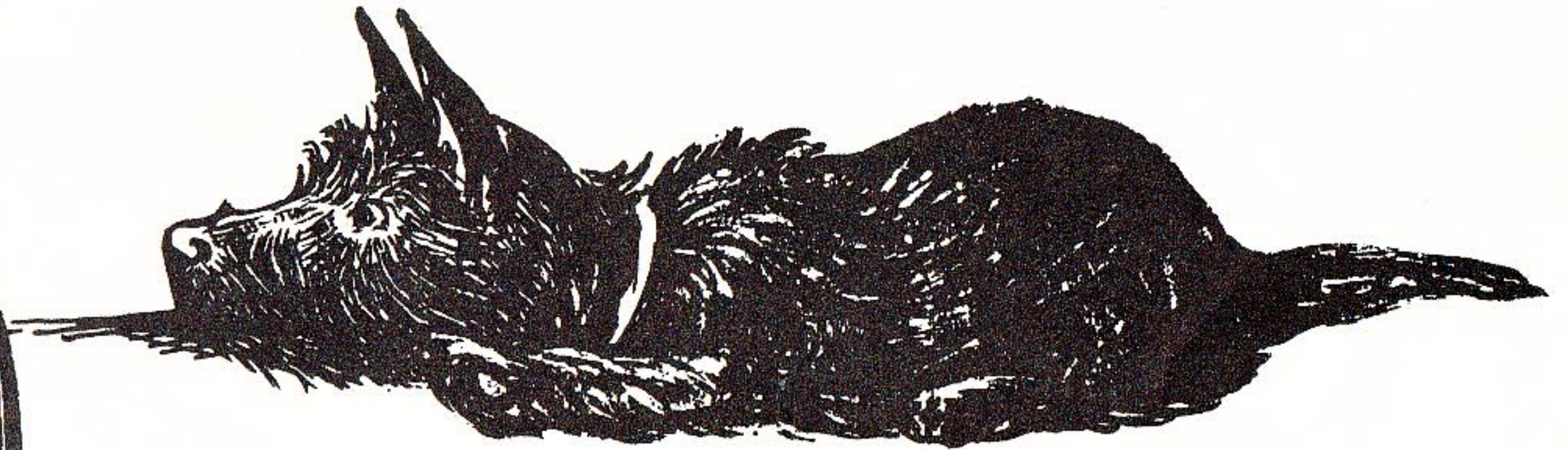


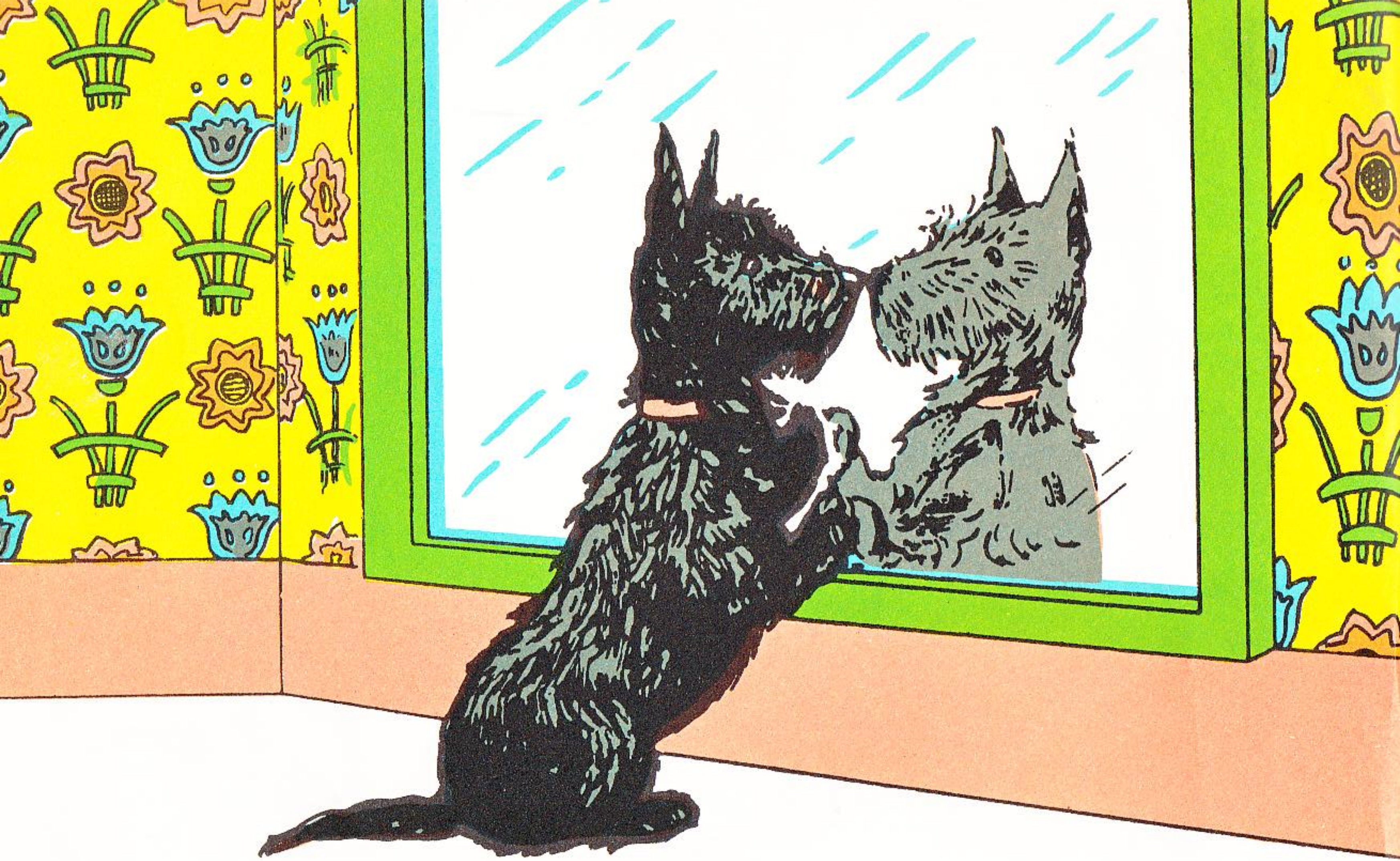
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Angus was curious about many places and many things.

He was curious about WHAT lived under the sofa and in dark corners and

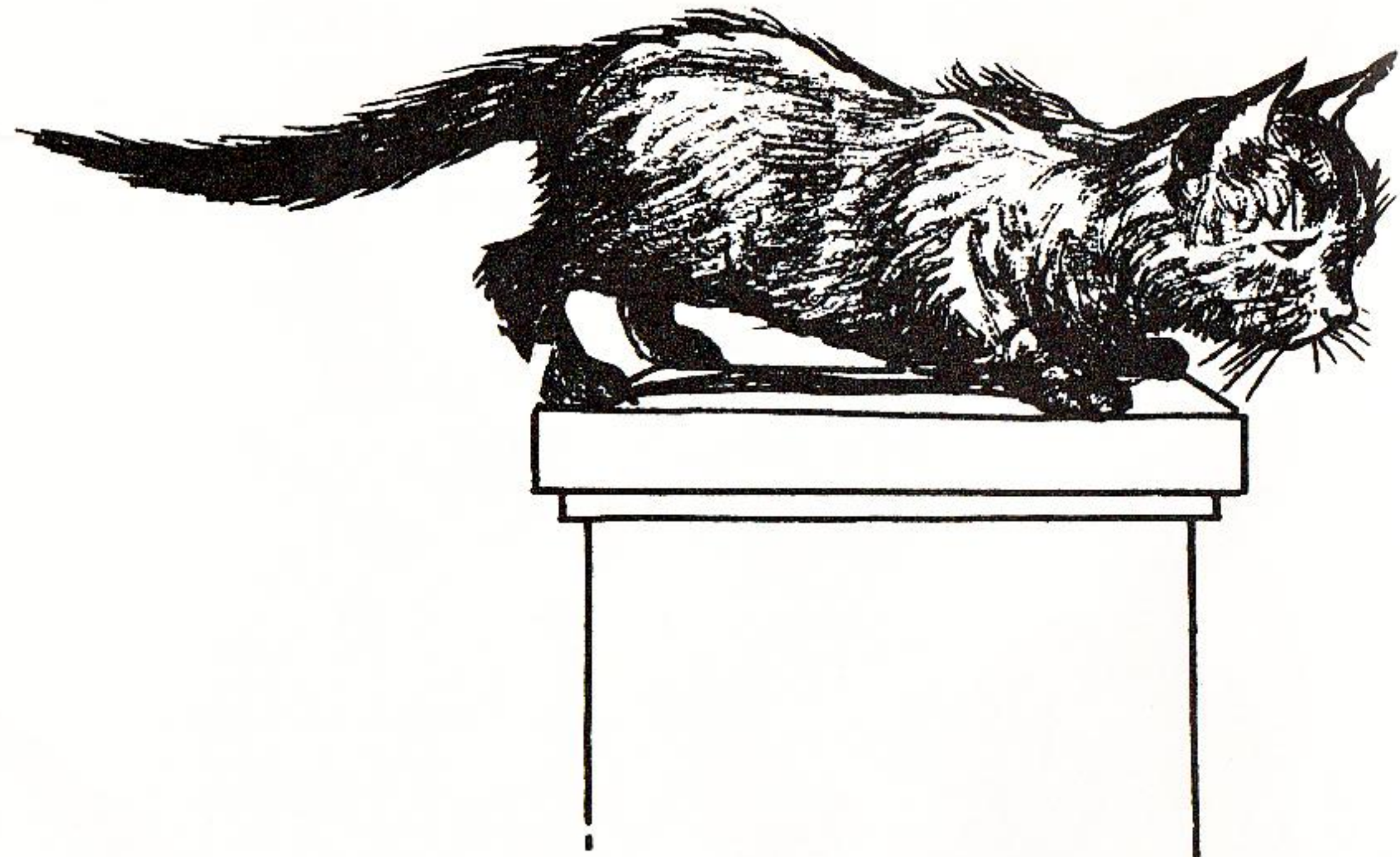




WHO was the little dog in the mirror.

He was curious about Things-Which-Come-Apart and those Things-Which-Don't-Come-Apart; such as SLIPPERS and gentlemen's BRACES and things like that.





Angus was also curious about Things-Outdoors but he could not find out much about them because of a leash.

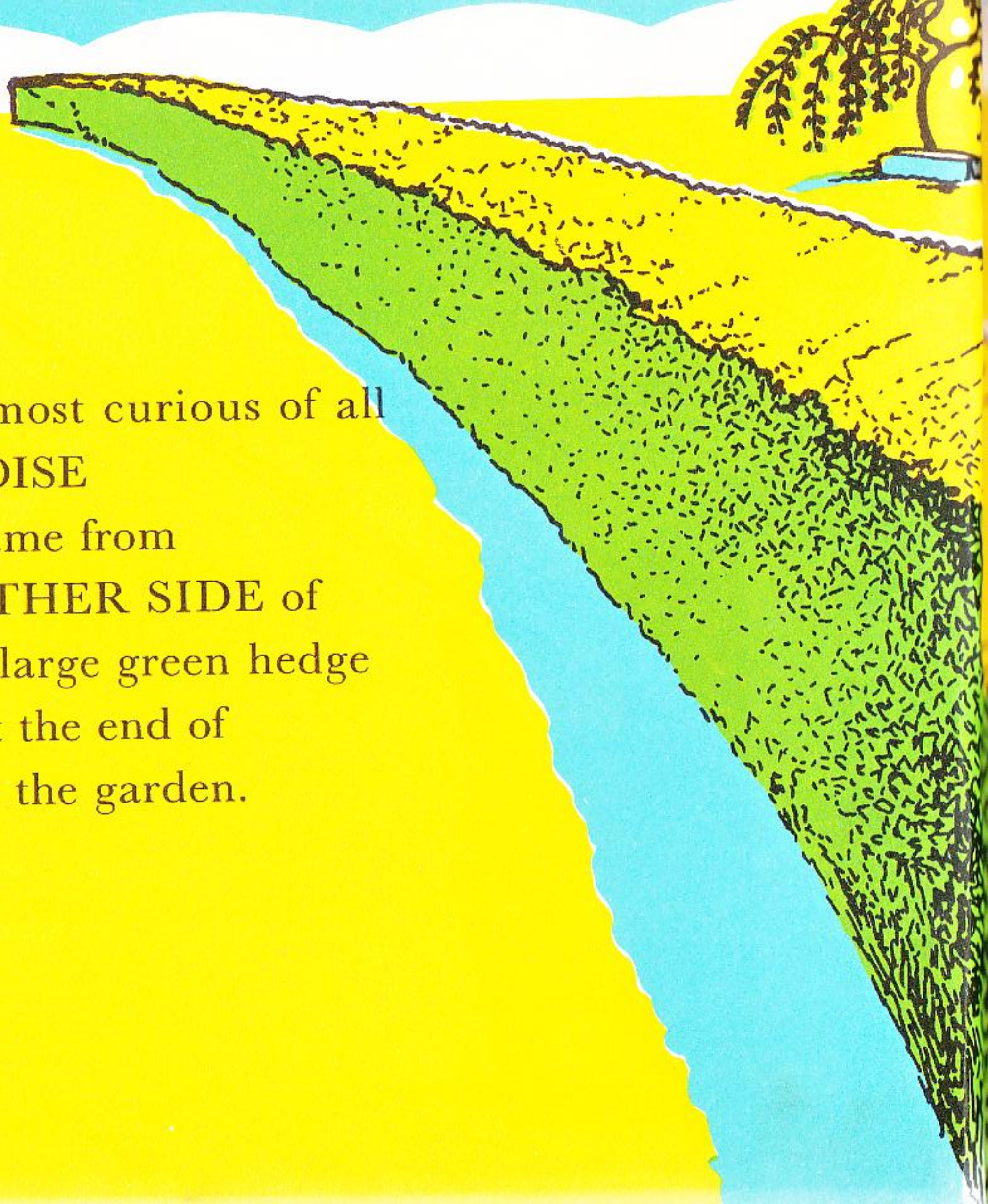
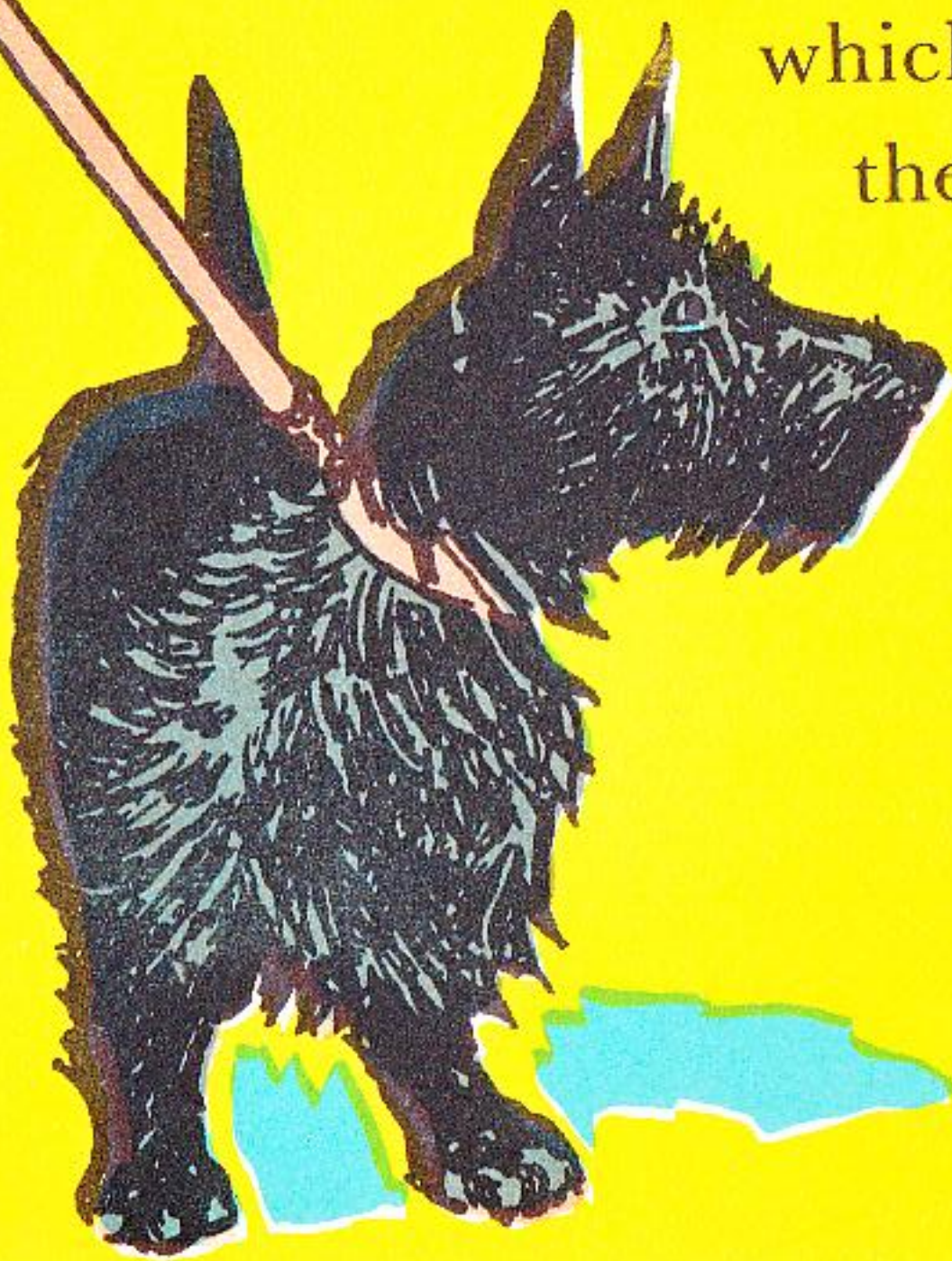


The leash was fastened
at one end to the collar
around his neck

and at the other end
to **SOMEBODY ELSE.**



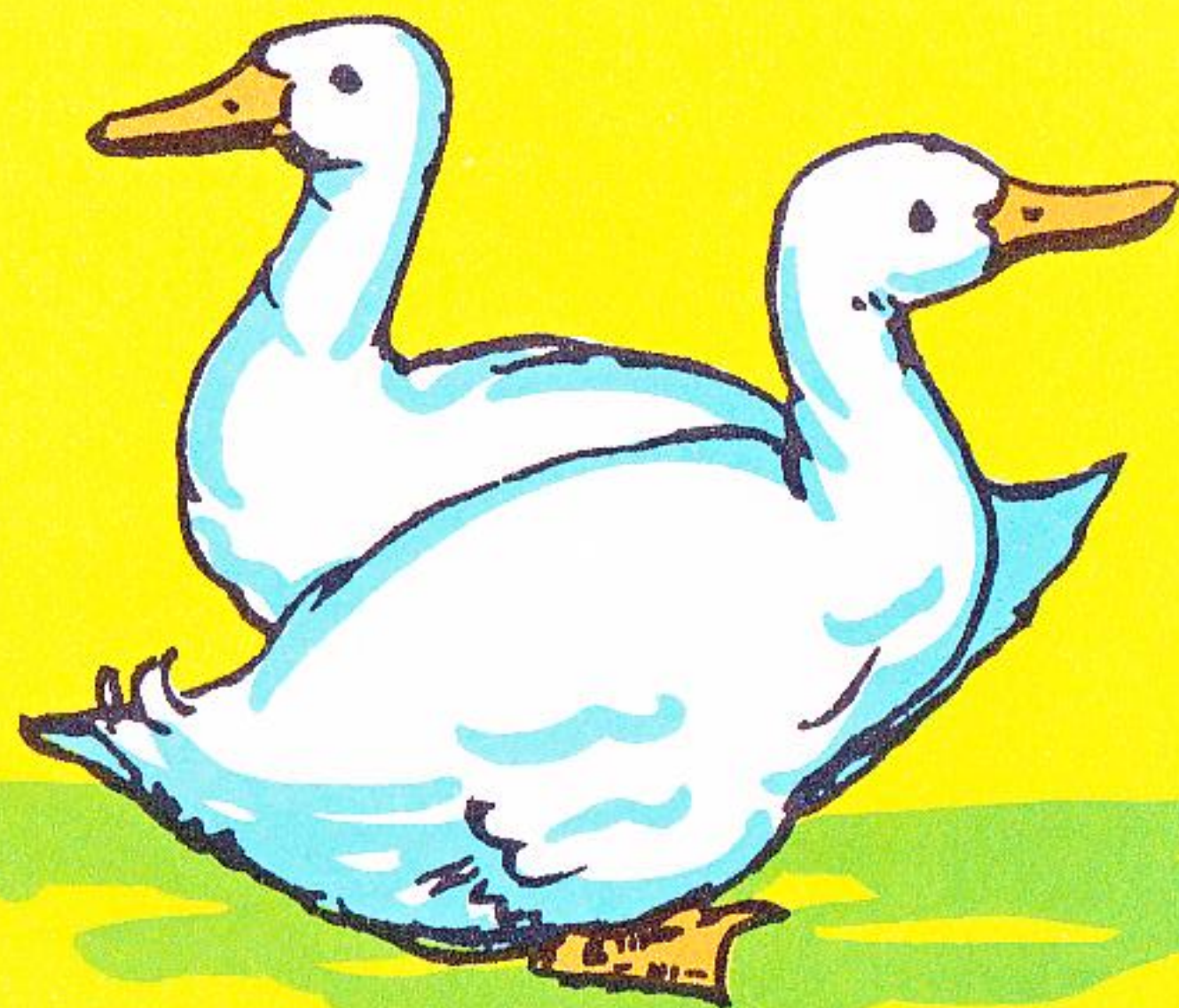
But Angus was most curious of all
about a NOISE
which came from
the OTHER SIDE of
the large green hedge
at the end of
the garden.



The noise usually sounded like this:

Quack! Quack! Quackety!

Quack!!



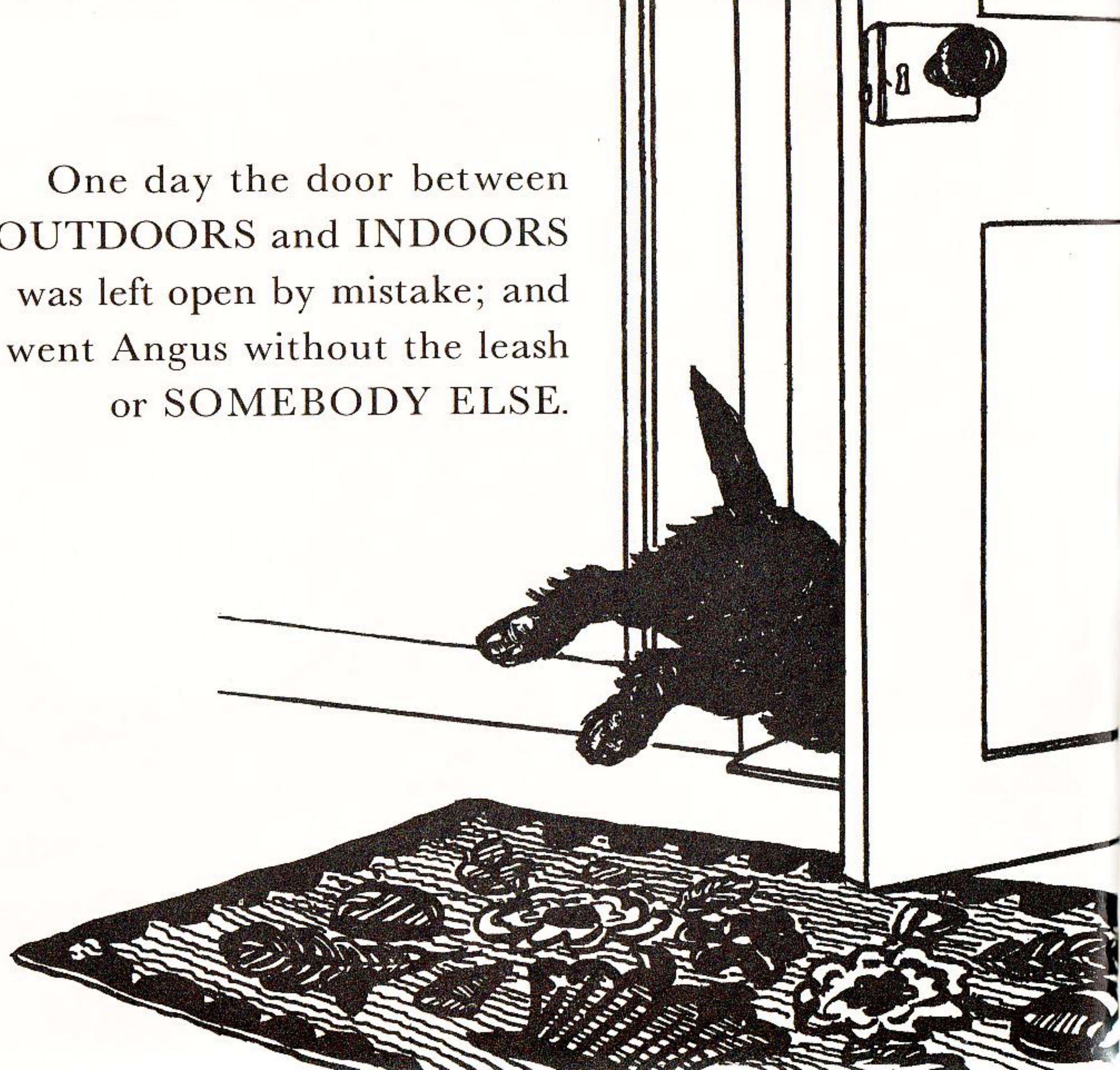
But sometimes it sounded like this:

Quackety! Quackety!

Quackety!

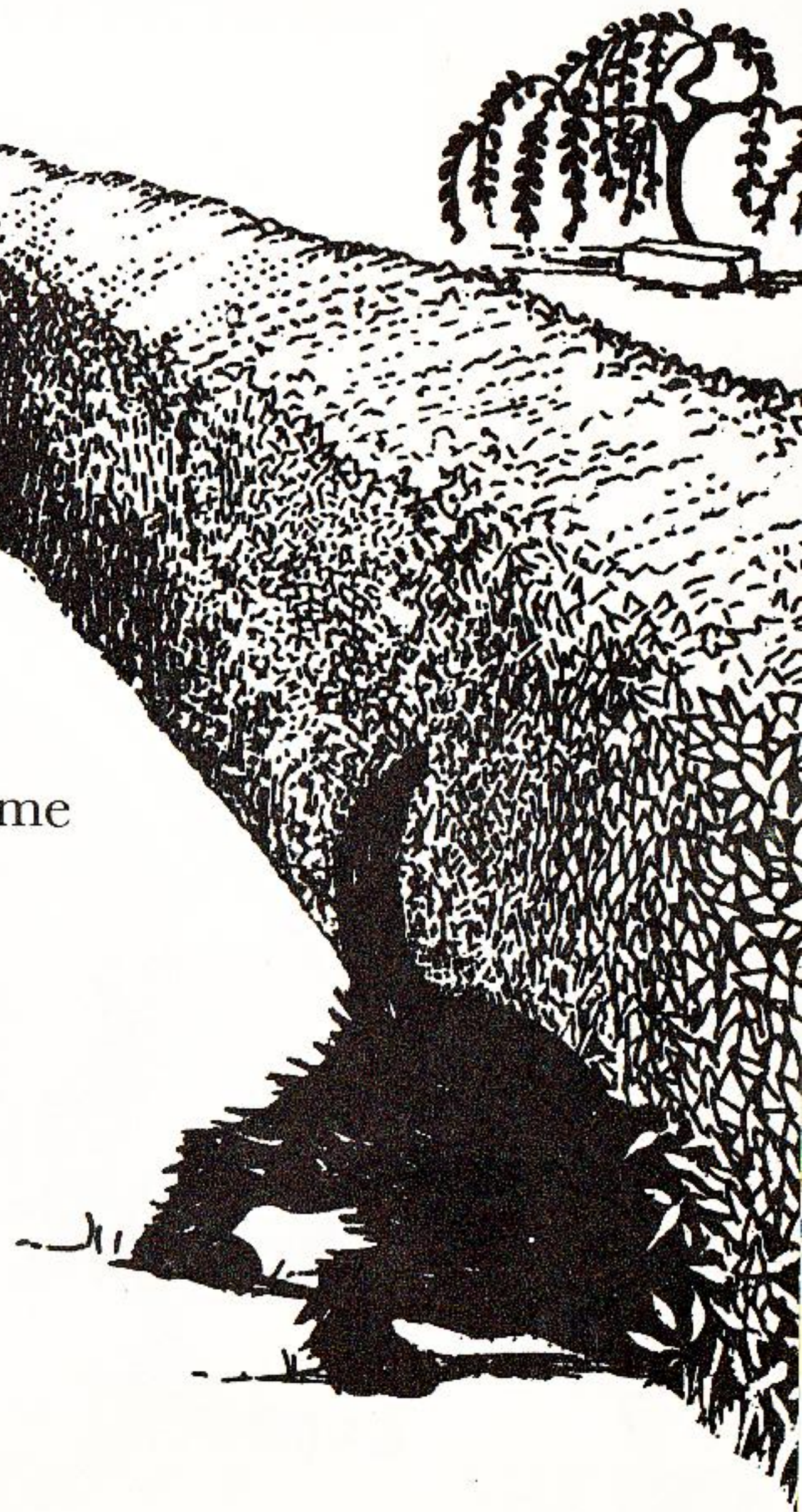
Quack!!

One day the door between
OUTDOORS and INDOORS
was left open by mistake; and
out went Angus without the leash
or SOMEBODY ELSE.

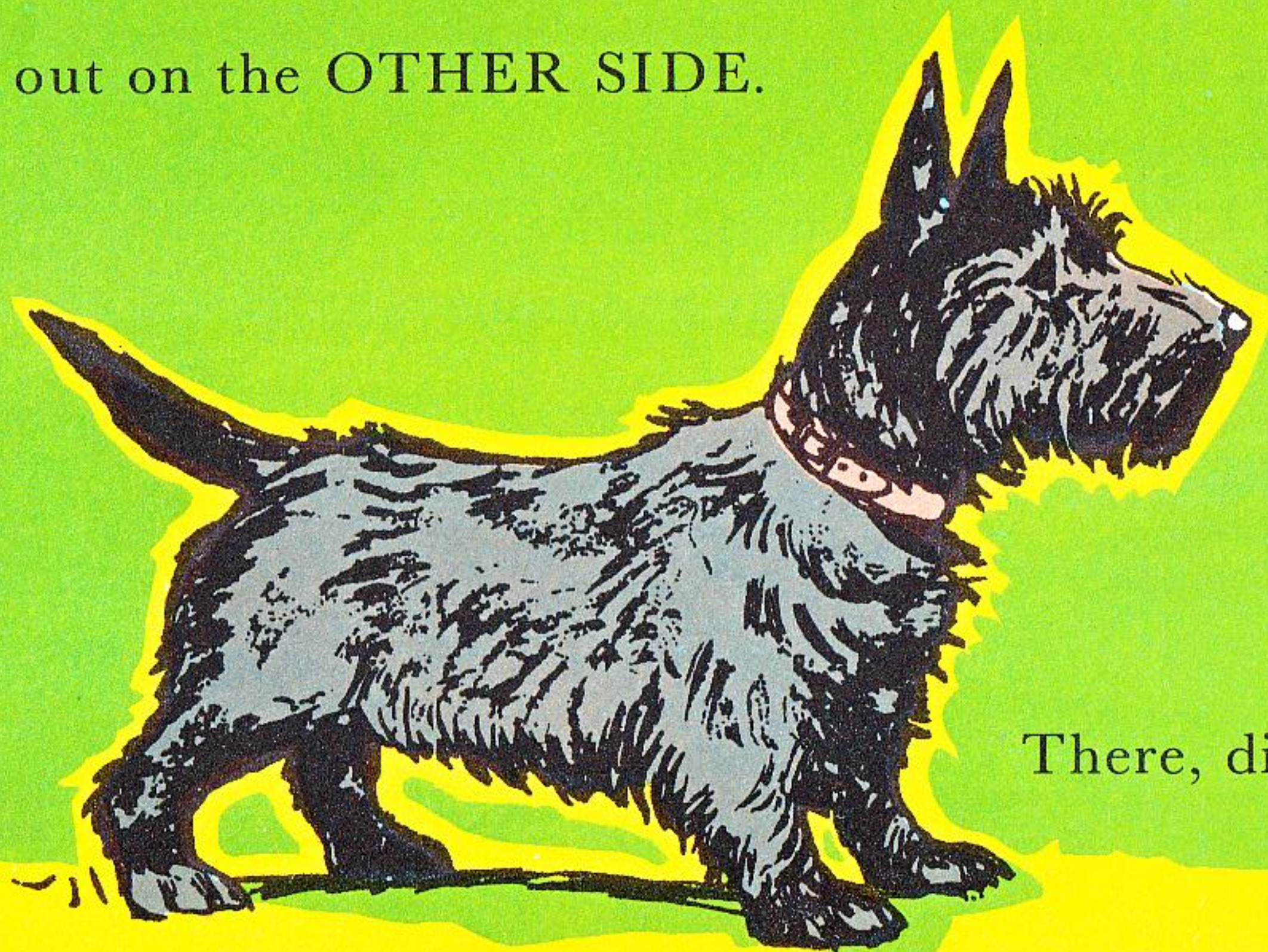


Down the little path he
ran until he came to the large
green hedge at the end of the garden.

He tried to go around it but it was
much too long. He tried to go over it but
it was much too high. So Angus went under
the large green hedge and came



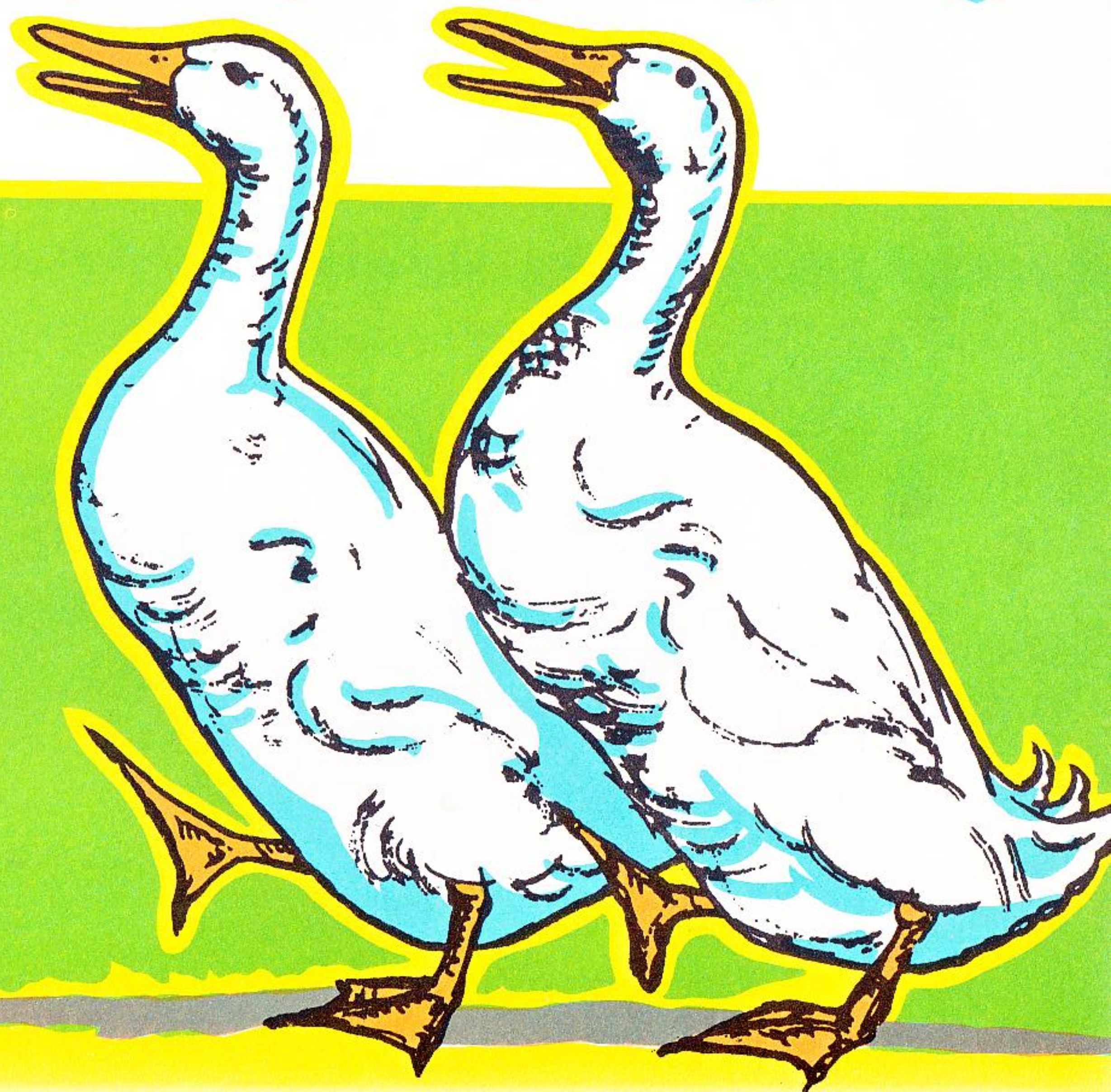
out on the OTHER SIDE.



There, directly in front of him

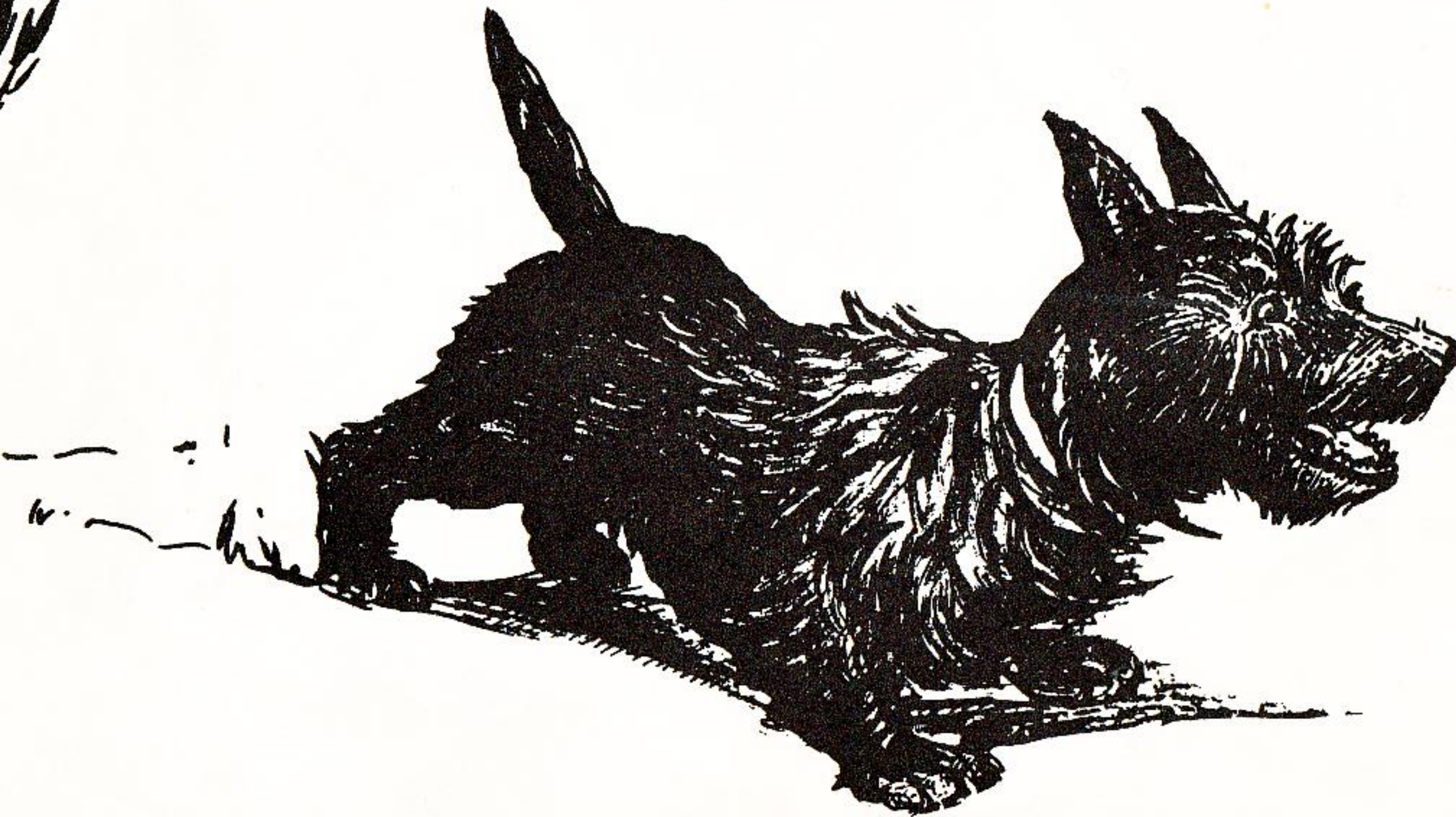
were two white DUCKS.
They were marching
forward, one-foot-up
and one-foot-down.

Quack! Quack!
Quackety!
Quack!!!



Angus said:

WOO-OO-OOF!!!

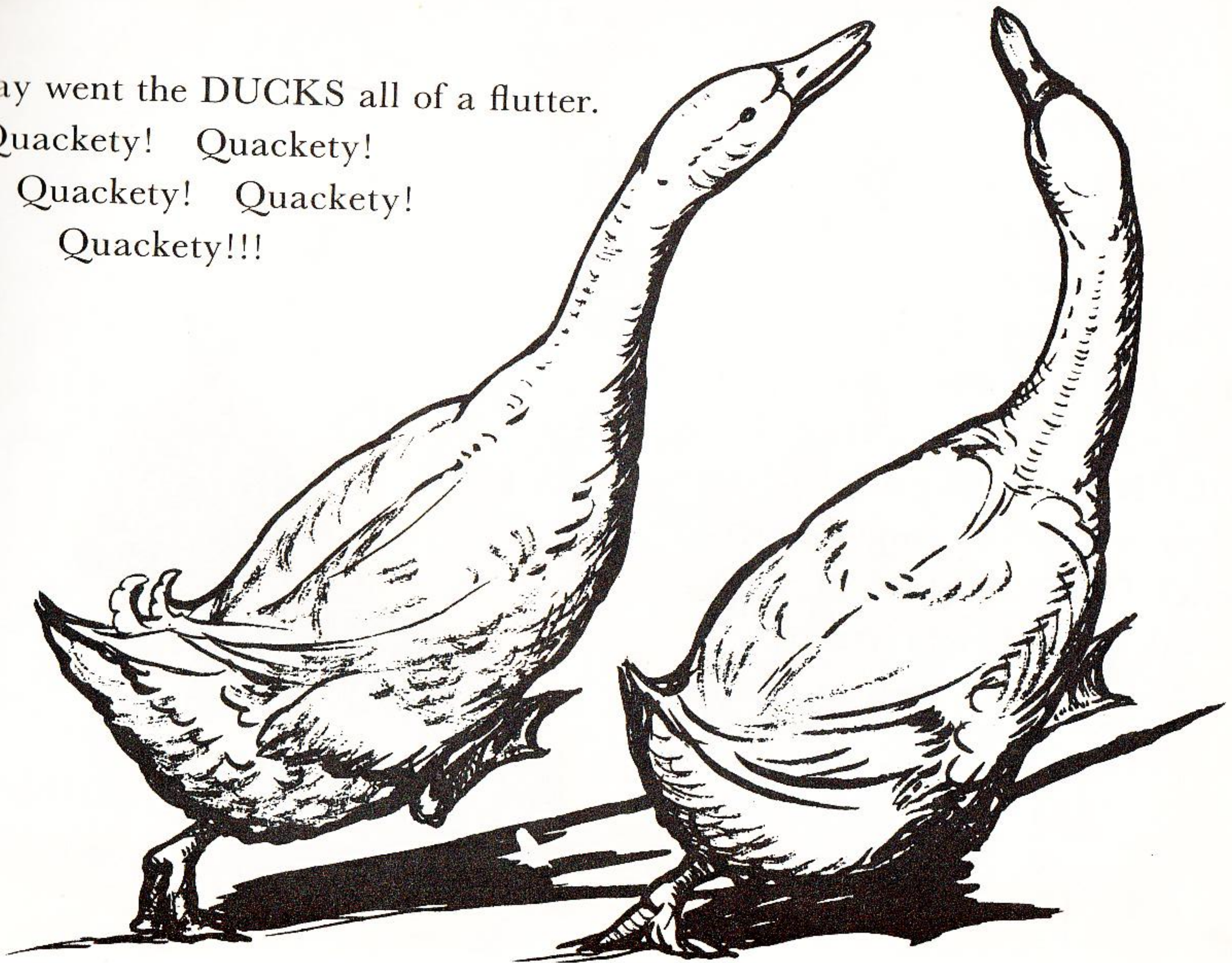


Away went the DUCKS all of a flutter.

Quackety! Quackety!

Quackety! Quackety!

Quackety!!!

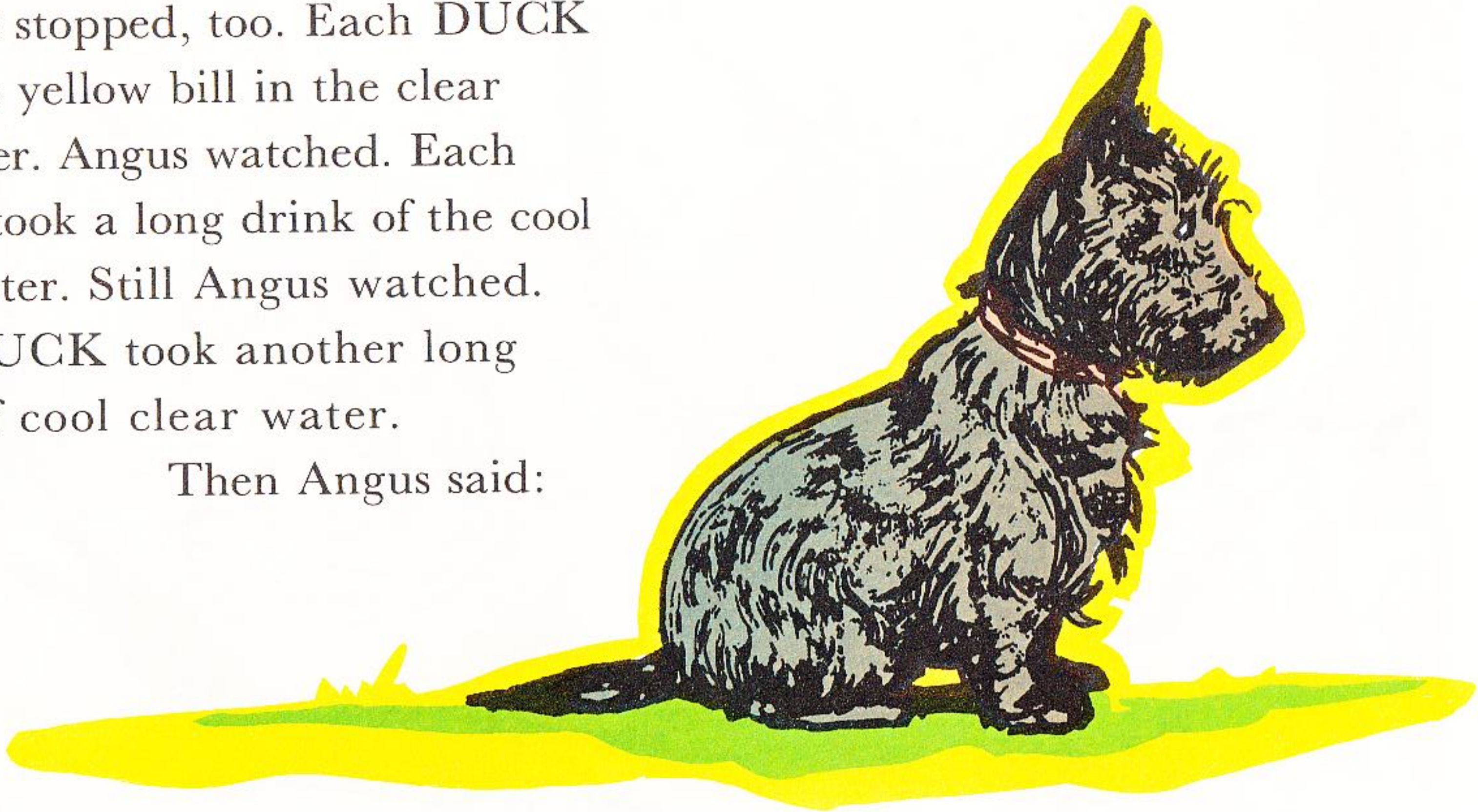


Angus followed after.

Soon the DUCKS stopped by a stone watering trough under a mulberry tree.

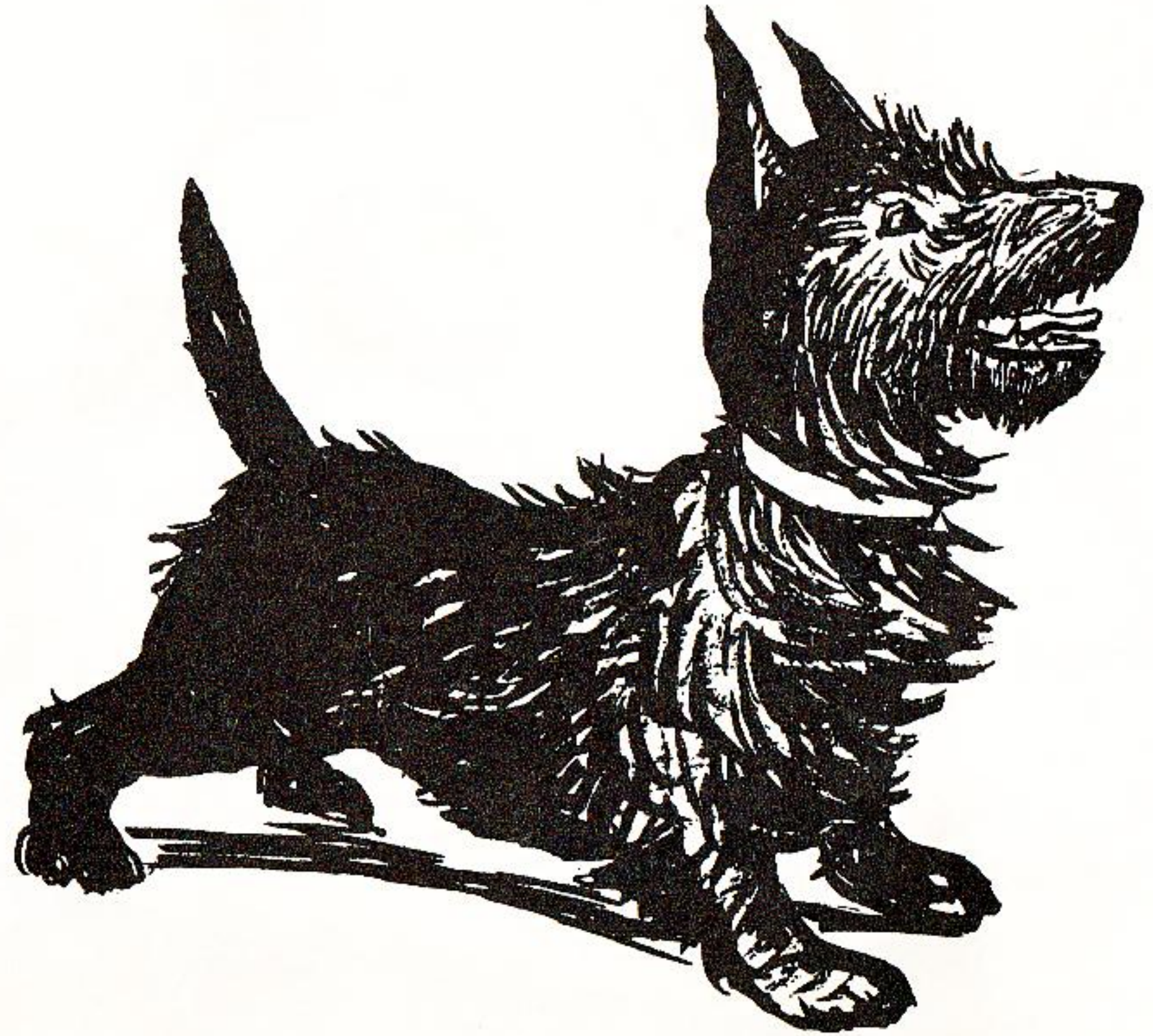
Angus stopped, too. Each DUCK dipped a yellow bill in the clear cool water. Angus watched. Each DUCK took a long drink of the cool clear water. Still Angus watched. Each DUCK took another long drink of cool clear water.

Then Angus said:

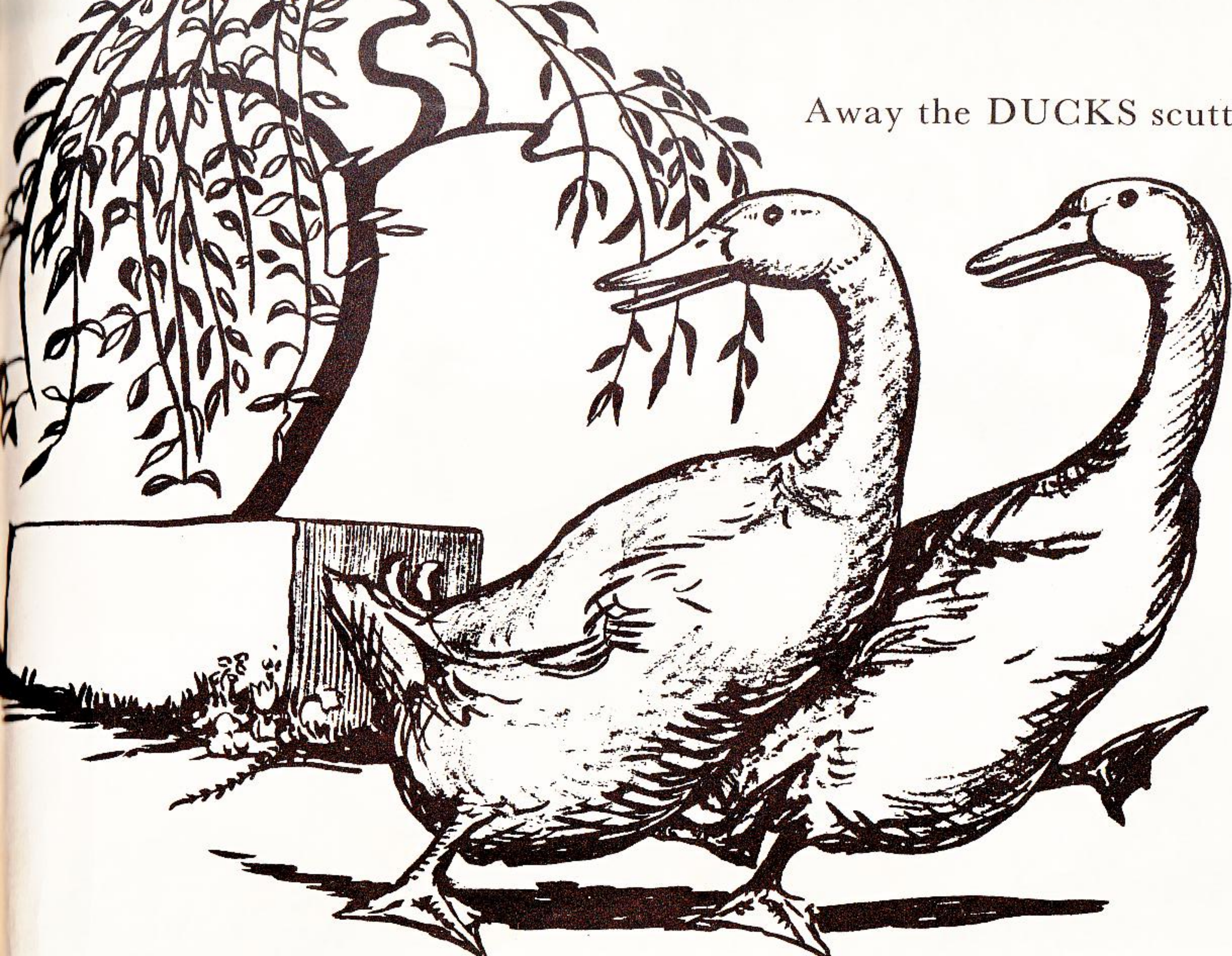




WOO-OO-OOF!!!



Away the DUCKS scuttled and





Angus lapped the cool
clear water.

Birds sang in the
mulberry tree.

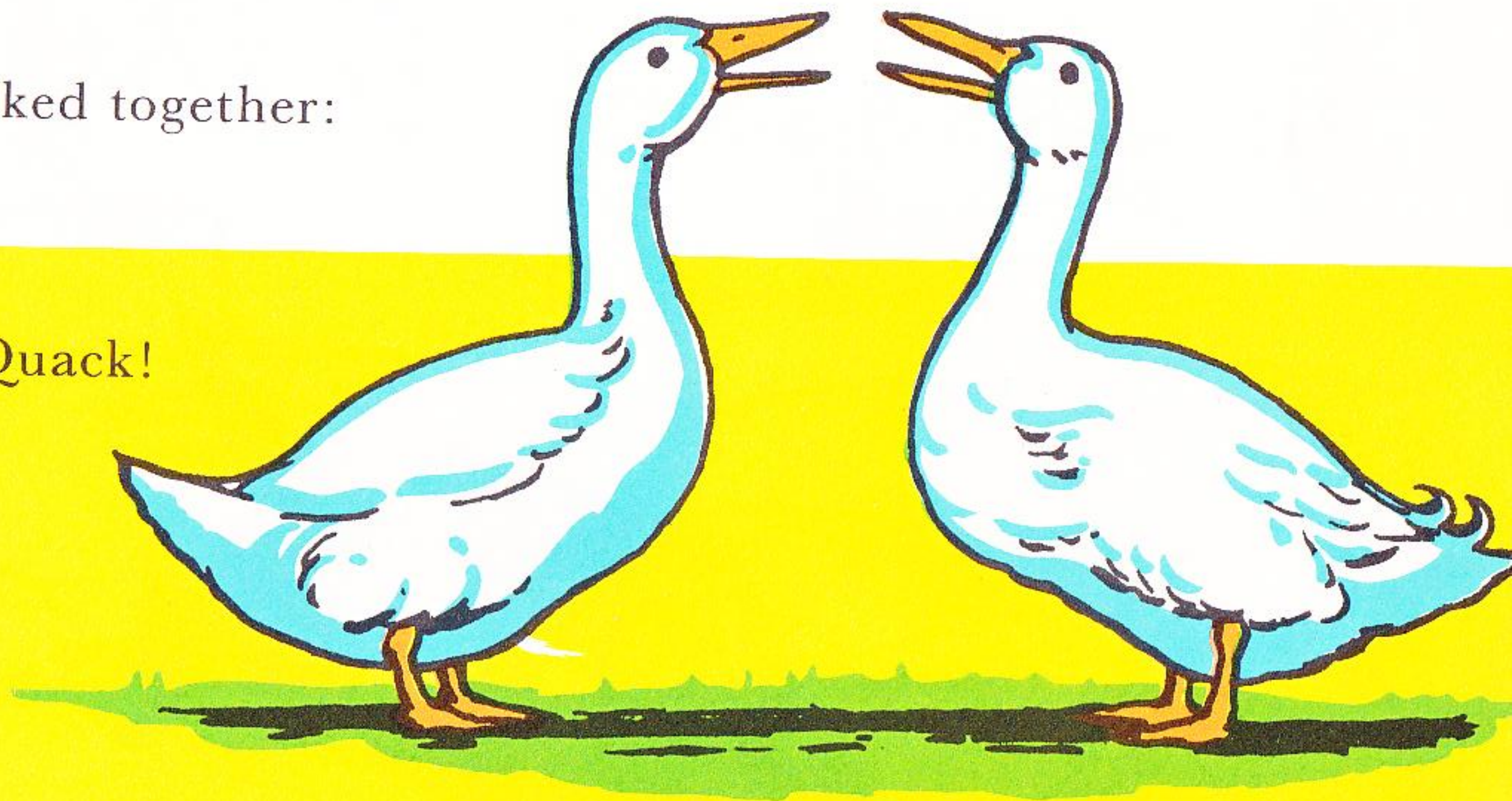
The sun made pattern
through the leaves
over the grass.

The DUCKS talked together:

Quack! Quack!

Quack!

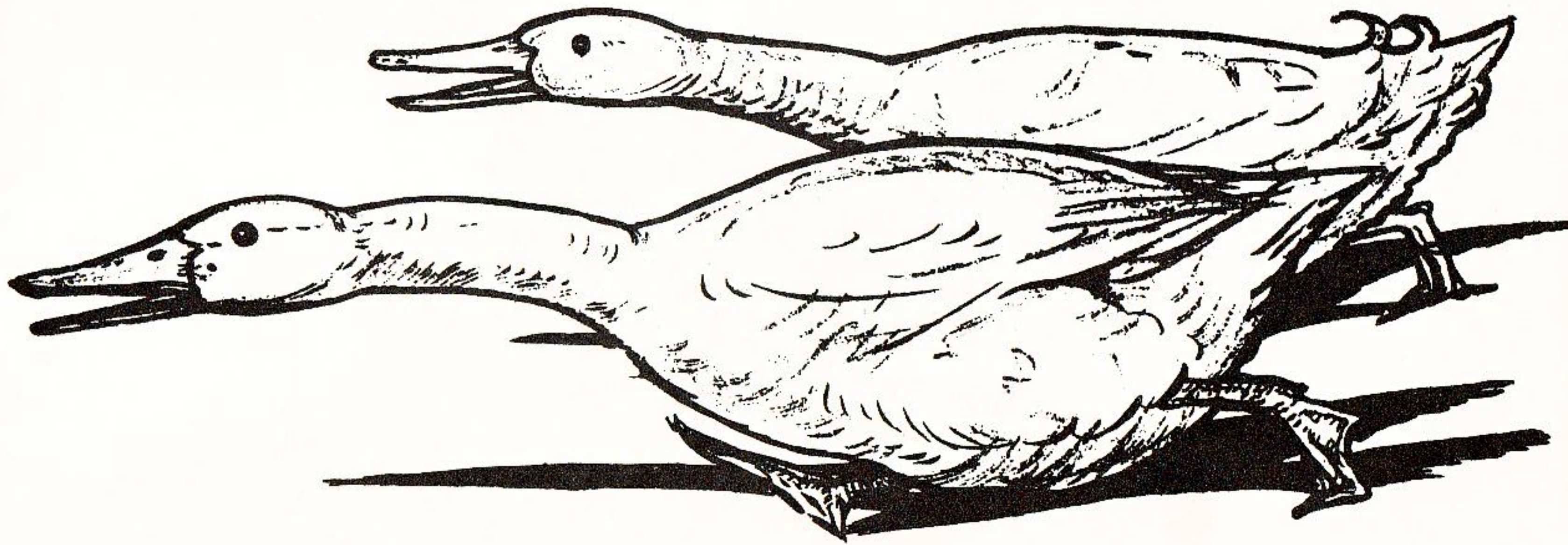
Then:



HISS-S-S-S-S-S-S!!!

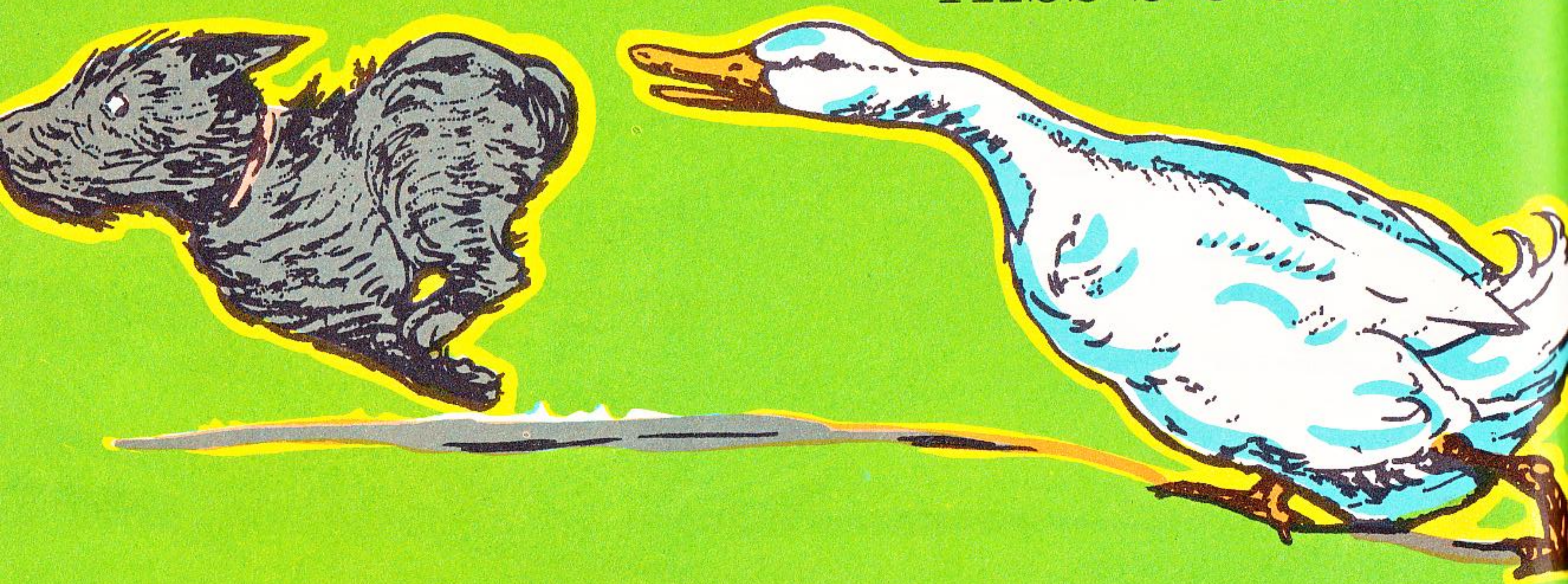


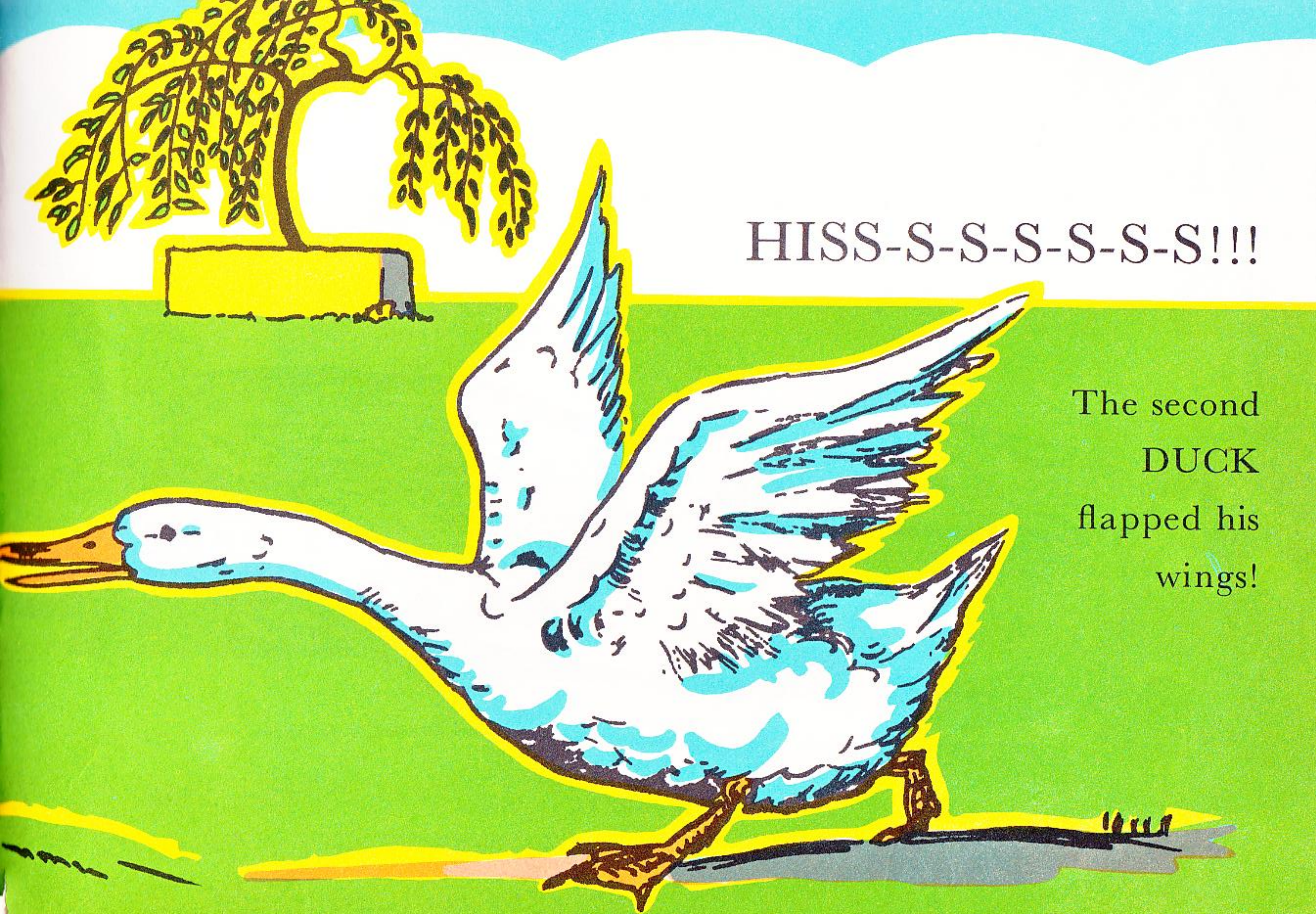
HISS-S-S-S-S-S-S!!!



The first DUCK nipped Angus's tail!

HISS-S-S-S-S-S-S!!!

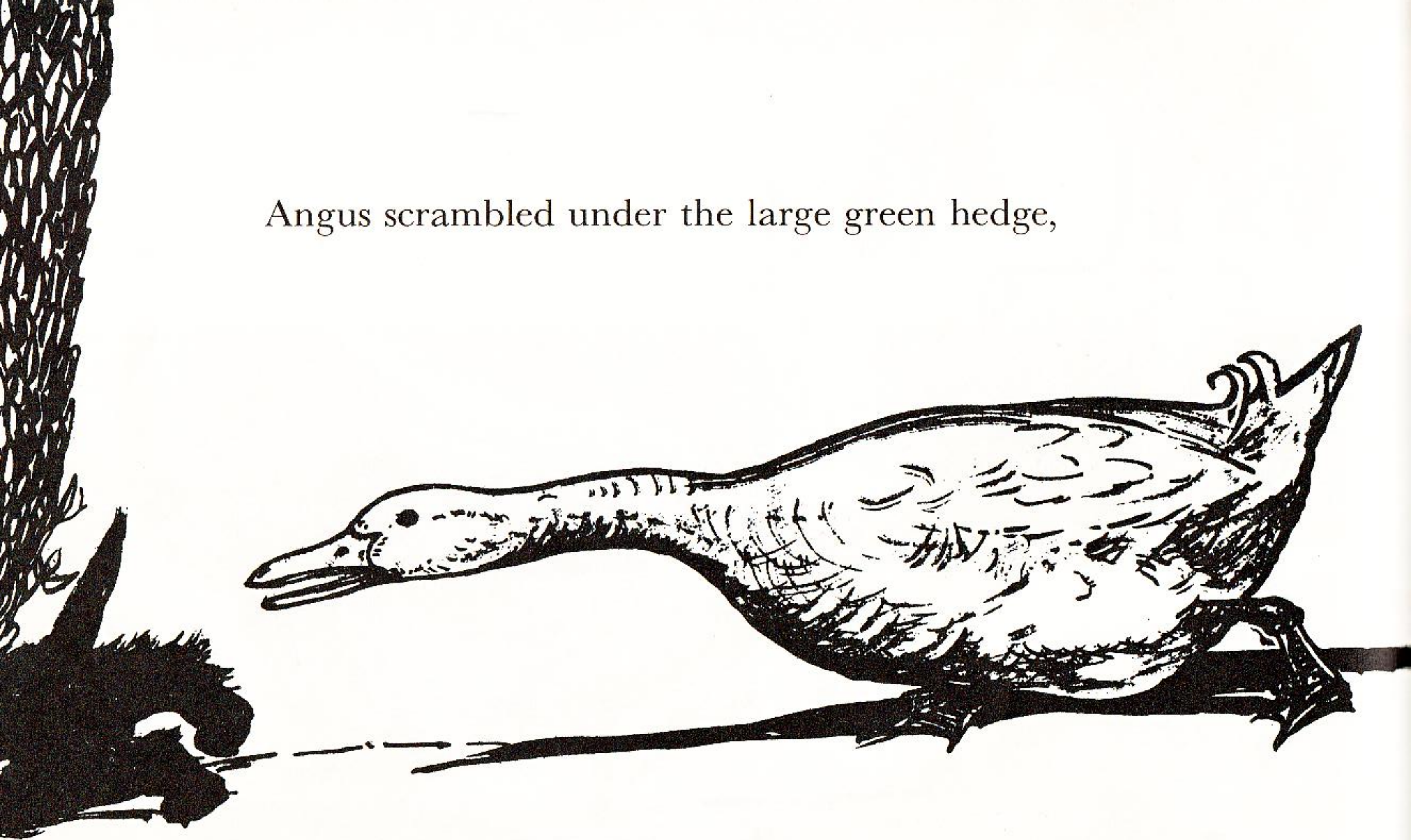




HISS-S-S-S-S-S-S!!!

The second
DUCK
flapped his
wings!

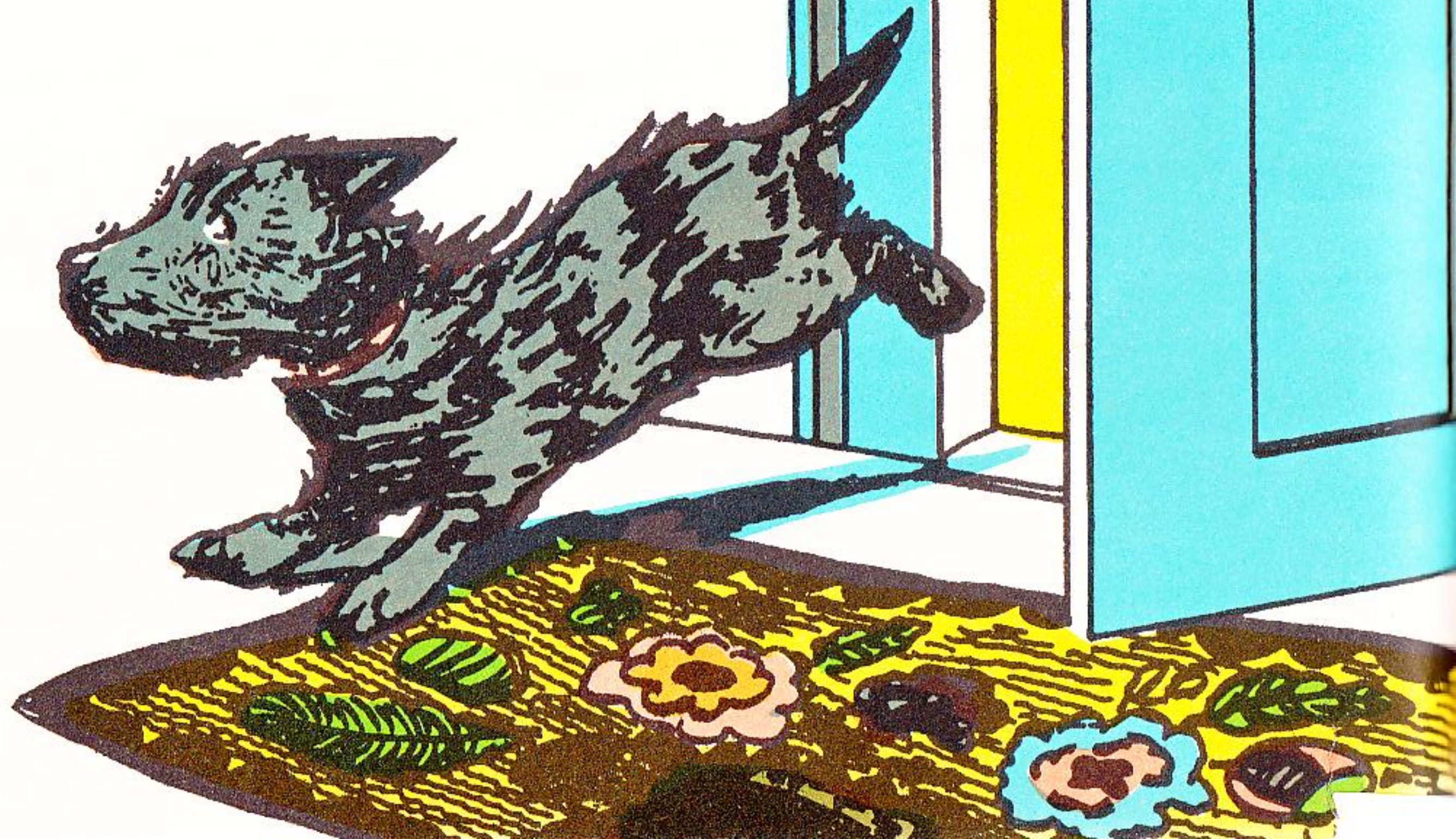
Angus scrambled under the large green hedge,



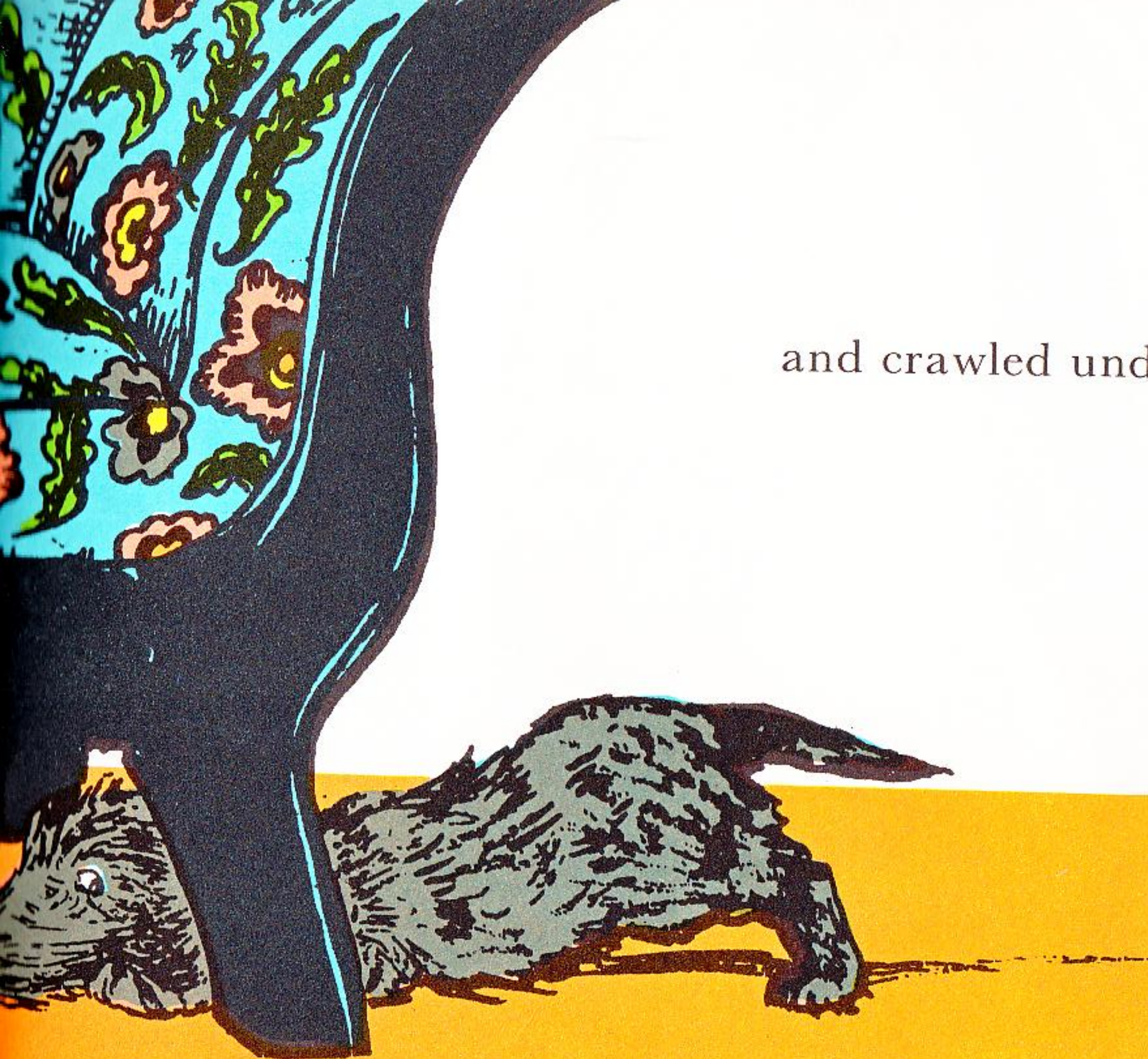
scurried up the little path,



scampered into the house



and crawled under the sofa.





For exactly THREE minutes



by the clock, Angus was



NOT curious about
anything at all.



